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SUBJ: CODEL CODEL BRADEMAS/SCHWEIKER MEETING WITH VICE
PREMIER LI HSIEN-NIEN

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1. SENIOR VICE PREMIER LI HSIEN-NIEN MET WITH CODEL FOR TWO HOURS, 3 TO 5 P.M., APRIL 12 IN THE GREAT HALL OF THE PEOPLE. AT START OF SESSION LI SAID CHAIRMAN HUA HAD RECEIVED THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER AND HAD ASKED LI TO EXPRESS HIS THANKS AND TO ASK THE DELEGATION TO BRING THE CHAIRMAN'S GREETINGS TO THE PRESIDENT.

2. HAVING ALREADY HEARD LONG EXPOSITIONS OF THE CHINESE WORLD VIEW IN TWO MEETINGS WITH PRC SPOKESMEN, THE CODEL MEMBERS TRIED FOR TERSE EXCHANGES WITH LI ON VARIOUS SPECIFIC ISSUES. LI, WHO SEEMED TIRED, MORE OR LESS WENT ALONG WITH THIS APPROACH BUT HIS RESPONSES WERE STANDARD FARE.

3. HE TREATED NORMALIZATION QUESTION IN GENERALLY THE SAME MANNER AS HUANG HUA HAD DONE THE DAY BEFORE, BUT ADDED A REFERENCE TO THE U.S. "DEBT." HE NOTED THAT THE MAJOR ISSUE IS THE INTERNATIONAL ONE, BUT THAT ON THE BILATERAL ISSUE OF TAIWAN "OUR MINDS ARE MADE UP LIKE GRANITE."

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4. SENATOR SCHWEIKER RAISED PROBLEM OF FALLOUT IN THE U.S. FROM PRC NUCLEAR TESTS CONDUCTED IN CERTAIN ATMOSPHERIC CONDITIONS AND ASKED THAT PRC TAKE ACCOUNT OF ATMOSPHERIC CONDITIONS WHEN DECIDING ON TIMES TO TEST. LI MAY NOT HAVE BEEN BRIEFED ON THIS ISSUE; AT ANY RATE HE WAS NOT RESPONSIVE.

5. JUST AFTER EXCHANGE ON THE NUCLEAR TESTING QUESTION, WHICH

CAME NEAR THE END OF THE SESSION, LI DELIVERED A LITTLE LECTURE ON THE IMPORTANCE OF CONCENTRATING ON MAJOR ISSUES (IN SUM, THE SOVIET THREAT). SEVERAL CHINESE OFFICIALS ATTENDING USLO DINNER AFTERWARDS TOOK A SIMILAR LINE, AND NANCY TANG COMMENTED TO NSC STAFF MEMBER OKSENBERG THAT NORMALIZATION IS NOT THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE IN OUR RELATIONS.

6. WE WILL REPORT DETAILS OF CODEL'S MEETING WITH LI BY SEPTTEL.
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